

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Larry Golden on December 15, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows: in claim 1, line 9, after "second pitch" inserted - - different from said first pitch- -, in line 13, deleted "for" and inserted - -and in- -, in line 15, deleted "is"; and in claim 10, changed numeral "9" to - -2- -.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 10 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: patentability resides, at least in part, in the connector having a jig, and a press fitting block, wherein the press-fit portions of the second terminals are exposed exteriorly of both the housing and the press-fitting block, and in locking engagement by with the jig, the jig also engaged to the block, in combination with the other limitations of the base claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brigitte R. Hammond whose telephone number is (571)272-2006. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays from 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Renee Luebke can be reached on 571-272-2009. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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